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News Briefs

Gospel Concert planned for Pahokee Theatre
 The Prince Theatre is planning a Gospel Concert featuring "Sonshine & Friends" on Saturday, April 12, at 7 p.m. The well-known Sonshine is a local trio consisting of Sandra Jarriel, Alice Thompson, and Shirley Wagoner.
 This group has been singing together for many years, performing in venues throughout the south. The trio has recorded two albums that will be available for purchase the night of the concert. Joining Sonshine are Zarak Lawson & More Than Jazz and soloist Shirley Jarriel.
 There is no admittance fee, however, donations will be received for the redecoration of The Prince Theater.
 Monthly entertainment is planned at the theater by *Pahokee Main Street*. Anyone who would like to get involved in the revitalization of the community, call 924-6332. Volunteers are always needed.

Wanna go to the Bahamas?
 Attention! All parents of students at Pioneer Park Elementary School. You are invited to participate in a trip to the Bahamas. Anyone interested should attend a meeting tonight, April 10 at the school at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Testing information and other Pioneer Park issues will also be addressed. Refreshments will be served and a children care service is provided.
 For further information, please contact Ms. Stephens at 993-4480.

Gospel Sing set for May
 Miracle Temple Ministries is planning a gospel sing for Friday, May 2 at the church, located at 1104 S.W. 16th Street, Belle Glade.
 Singers from all around the area will be performing. Pastor Alvin E. Nichols invites everyone to attend.

Youth revival starts
 Rev. Brian Rayburn will be the guest speaker at a Youth Revival at Good Shepherd Church of God in Pahokee beginning Friday, April 11 at 7 p.m.
 The popular youth musical group, Schabach will lead the praise and worship time both Friday and Saturday evenings. Concluding the weekend event will be a special appearance by the Cooper City Church of God Youth Choir and Orchestra on Sunday evening at 6 p.m.
 Youth Pastor Aaron Cordell and the World Changers of Good Shepherd invited everyone - especially young people - to attend.

Baha's offer discussions
 The Magdalene Carney Baha'i Institute is offering a series of discussions for and about women. The next discussion is Saturday, April 19 at 3 p.m. at the Institute, located at 130 SE Ave. E, Belle Glade. The topic is Equality of Men and Women and the community is invited to attend. The next discussion is Saturday, May 3 at 3 p.m. and the topic will be parenting.
 For additional information call Elinor Walker at 996-1959.



WELL-KNOW GLADES ARTIST Ann Tyler displayed her artwork during the performance of "The Odd Couple" at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Tuesday, April 1. Mrs. Tyler's work graces the walls of several banks in the Glades and her mural is part of the Binks Museum which will hold grand opening ceremonies April 20 in Yesteryear Village at the South Florida Fairgrounds. An original Ann Tyler painting is also used as the cover of the 1997 Black Gold Jubilee Booklet this year and for the *Taste of the Glades* cookbook which will be sold at the Jubilee April 19.

Two challengers come forth in Pahokee City Commission race

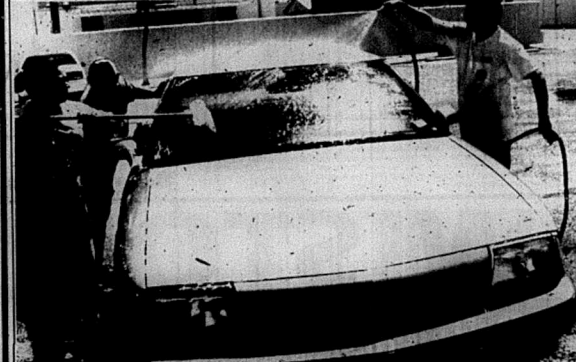
Two challengers have come forth to vie for the seats currently held by Pahokee City Commissioners Roy Singletary and John Norman.
 Larry Wright, 49, of 319 Parkview Court filed Friday, April 4 for the seat currently held by Singletary and George Kinsler, 43, of 2576 East Main Street has filed for the seat held by Norman.
 "I'm not running 'against' anyone," said Wright. "I just feel God has given me talents and it hurts to not be able to use them. I love Pahokee and I want to work to make it a better place."
 Wright has lived in Pahokee since he was 13, except for a few years when he moved away. He says he is campaigning on the theme of accountability, and believes major changes need to be made in Pahokee.
 "If we spend so much money on programs to make our community better, then those programs should be accountable for just that, making our community better and cleaner and take it back to the warm, toler-



Larry Wright

ant society that our parents and grandparents established and nurtured here," he says.
 If elected, Wright says he will ask for the resignation of Pahokee's Mayor, Ramon Horta and possibly the resignation of Pahokee's Police Chief, Skeets Salvatore.
 Wright says racial problems, crime and businesses closing are some of the concerns he feels have not been addressed by the mayor and the police chief.
 Wright acknowledges that he has had some problems working with the current city government and especially the

Pahokee Chamber of Commerce in the past, "but that's all yesterday's news and I want to put that behind me and try to work with everyone to make Pahokee a better place," he said.
 Wright was active on several committees in the past, including the chamber, and various beautification projects. He says conflicts with some in city government and the chamber caused him to have to step out of his role as a community worker.
 These days, Wright wears the "I Love Pahokee" button...but upside down.
 "Oh, yeah, that's deliberate," he says. "Don't get me wrong, I really do love Pahokee, but I'm not happy with the way it is now. I want to help change that."
 Wright says any citizen or civic group that would like to meet with him to discuss needed change in the city can call him at 924-5788.
 (See next week's edition of *The Sun* for a story on Mr. Kinsler).



SCRUB A DUB DUB-Bank employees at First Union in Belle Glade gave up their Saturday morning to wash cars for the March of Dimes. Employees from the Pahokee and Belle Glade banks scrubbed for donations which will go toward March of Dimes research and projects. Shown hard at work are Maria Vireno, Yolanda Rodriguez and Gary Little.

Black Gold Jubilee kicks off the weekend with children's events

By Brenda Bunting
 Editor
 Children will be swarming around the Marina this weekend as the 19th annual Black Gold Jubilee begins Saturday morning with the popular Children's Fishing Contest.
 Sponsored by the Belle Glade Fire Department, this well-attended event begins at 9 a.m. Registration for those who haven't pre-registered is from 7 to 9 a.m.
 Children from toddler to 15 years of age are encouraged to bring a pole and enter the contest for the biggest fish, the smallest fish and the most poundage. Bait will be provided.
 "We really enjoy putting on this event for the kids," says Belle Glade Fire Chief Steve Rice. "We believe this year is going to be even better because we have great gifts for all the youngsters and nice prizes, too."
 Children will again be the focus that evening as the annual Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold Pigeon kicks off at 7 p.m. at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge. Organized this year by the Glades Day School Elementary Booster Club, the event draws children ages 3 to 5. There is no charge for admission and the community is welcome to attend.
 The fun continues next week when the Black Gold Jubilee Gospel Sing begins at 7 p.m. on April 15 at the First Baptist Church. Gospel Committee Chair Robin Waggoner says this two-hour event will begin with Mayor Steve Weeks offering the "Blessing of the Soil" in recognition of the rich muck soil which makes the Glades a fertile crop-growing area.
 The main Jubilee weekend begins Friday, April 18 with the Harvest Gospel Festival at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. This popular event is usually a sold out event and it

begins at 7:30 p.m.
Celebration of the American Family is the theme of this year's Jubilee and participants in the parade, which begins at 10 a.m., are encouraged to utilize the theme in their float designs. Parade Chair Cheryl Stein says a great deal of interest has been shown in the event this year and she is expecting a good turnout.
 Chris Farrell, meteorologist



Chris Farrell, meteorologist, WPEC, Channel 12

for WPEC Channel 12 will be in the parade and will also be the MC at the Jubilee under the entertainment tent from 12:30 to 3 p.m.
 The WIFE (Women Involved in Farm Economics) Cookie Contest will also be going on that morning at 8:30 a.m. at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. Applications are available at the Chamber.
 Over 250 runners are expected to participate in the 5K Walk/Run which begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Belle Glade Marina. Choir Dolly Hand says everyone who enters will receive a free Jubilee t-shirt and prizes will be awarded in various categories.
 Jubilee Chair Sue Teets says headline entertainers this year include The Duttons, who are back by popular demand and Dennis Lee. Lee has performed at several Jubilee festivals and always draws a good crowd. For information on any of the Jubilee activities, call the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce at 996-2745.

CEO of Health Care District takes over as administrator of Glades General Hospital

Palm Beach County Health Care Special Taxing District CEO Cecil Bennett announced at the April 8 board meeting that he has assumed the position of administrator of Glades General Hospital in Belle Glade.
 Bennett told the board members that hospital Administrator Michael Layfield was no longer at the hospital. He said the hospital would go by the name, Palm Beach Health Care District, doing business as Glades General Hospital. He told members a \$177,000 annual contract with Quorum,

the professional hospital management corporation which has been in charge of the day-to-day hospital operations for the past year, was being renegotiated. The CEO and chief financial officers of the hospital will now be employees of the Health Care District.
 Glades General Hospital becomes the second county health facility the HCD has taken over in the past six months. The HCD took over direct management and control of the Palm Beach County Home in West Palm Beach last year.

Housing related issues addressed at meetings

By Phil Anderson
 Community Liaison, Centro Campesino-Farmworker Center, Inc.
 A group of Belle Glade tenants, landlords and concerned residents met in the community room of Mount Zion AME Church at 249 SW 10th Street on Thursday, February 20 and Thursday, March 20, 1997. The purpose of the meetings was to address issues related to housing needs in their city. These meetings provide up-to-date information about housing in Belle Glade. They are a forum where all stakeholders can join in meaningful

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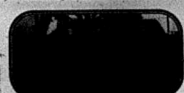
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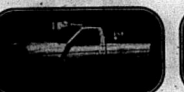
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Dealing with tuberculosis

By Paula Swaford, RN

Years ago I worked with a young woman who needed to have major surgery. During routine lab tests, it was discovered that she had tuberculosis in her abdominal cavity and in her lungs. This was the first time I had ever heard of tuberculosis existing outside of the pulmonary system in the body. In our history books we learned that our ancestors often died of consumption or the white plague. These were other names for tuberculosis, which used to be the leading cause of death in the United States.

Tuberculosis (or TB) is a bacterial disease that generally attacks the lungs. Germs eat away at the tissue, causing cavities to form in the lungs, making breathing increasingly



Paula Swaford, RN

more difficult. It can travel to other areas of the body, as in the case of my former co-worker. A cure was found in the 1940s for TB and worldwide cases were at a low in 1985. However, with the advent of AIDS cases, TB has increased by a disturbing rate of over 20% since that time.

Unfortunately, many doctors

today don't recognize TB or how to treat it. TB is contagious, but not every exposure results in disease. Those who are infected have only a 10% chance of getting sick. It can be cured with a long course of medicine and strong antibiotics taken over a six to twelve month period. Because of the length of the course of treatment, many people don't finish taking the drugs, and thereby increase the chance of developing full blown TB.

TB can be dormant or active. If you have TB germs in your body, but they are not making you sick, you may have a dormant type. You are not considered contagious, but your skin test is usually reactive and follow-up chest x-rays are recommended. Sometimes the physician will advise a course of TB

drugs, just to be on the safe side. If you have had a positive skin test, then you may be among the ten million people in the U.S. with dormant TB.

The symptoms of active TB include: severe, sometimes bloody cough; fatigue and weakness, night sweats, persistent fever, loss of appetite and unexplained weight loss. This is the contagious stage of TB where the germs attack your body and make you sick. This disease is spread through the air when someone coughs, sneezes, talks or spits. You can get TB by breathing in the germs. It is not as easy to catch as the common cold, but if you are exposed to another person who has active TB, it can be easy to contract from them.

So, what can you do to pre-

vent ever coming down with TB? First, know the symptoms and encourage anyone you know with those symptoms to be tested. Secondly, practice good hygiene. Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, don't spit, and practice good handwashing techniques. After all, when you use a public restroom, remember the person who last touched that handle or door knob may be contagious. It is usually recommended to get a skin test, or PPD, every year, especially for anyone working closely with the public. If you have TB, take your medicine faithfully to prevent a drug-resistant strain and possibly worse complications. Even if you feel better after a few weeks on the medication, continue to take it as you were instructed.

Remember that anyone can get TB, but some people are more susceptible because of where they work, where they live or if their immune system is weakened by another disease, such as AIDS. Alcoholics, drug users, homeless people, prisoners, nursing home residents, the very young and the elderly, as well as health care workers, are all potential candidates. Also people who come from other countries where TB is common are susceptible.

The main thing that you, the general public, can do is stay informed and aware of the rapid increase in TB cases throughout the world. Public education and information is one way of fighting this insidious disease.

Until next time, stay informed and stay healthy.

What is Carpal Tunnel Syndrome?

By Alan J. Schefer, M.D.

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome is one of the most common disorders of the hand and wrist, with approximately 250,000 people in the United States diagnosed yearly.

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome is caused by compression of one of the main nerves within the hand and wrist that provides sensation and strength to the hand and fingers. Diabetes, thyroid conditions, kidney problems, pregnancy, menopause, obesity, rheumatoid arthritis and trauma can all cause Carpal Tunnel Syndrome by producing swelling, placing pressure on the nerve. A flexed posture of the wrist can also produce this disorder. Symptoms occur more at night because we sleep with our wrists flexed and our normal hormones make us more swollen at night.

The most common complaint



Alan J. Schefer, M.D.

of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome is tingling in the fingers. Patients will feel like their fingers are falling asleep and will need to awaken at night to shake their hands and wrists. As the condition worsens, the tingling can lead to constant numbness. Other commonly described complaints are pain in the wrist, burning and weakness. People with Carpal Tunnel Syndrome will describe

difficulty with fine manipulations, such as putting on jewelry or buttoning shirts and frequent dropping of items.

If caught in its early stages, Carpal Tunnel Syndrome can usually be managed by non-surgical treatment. Therapy always includes night time wrist bracing, taking pressure off the nerve and allowing the nerve to heal. Supplemental treatment includes anti-inflammatory medication, cortisone injections and vitamin B6. If symptoms progress, then surgery is recommended. Surgical treatment is a minor procedure, performed in an outpatient setting.

In summary, people who suffer from these described symptoms should be evaluated by a Hand Specialist to determine if there are other underlying disorders and to rule out any associated conditions.

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"I've decided that several area drivers are illiterate or visually impaired. They seem not to recognize a red, octagonal sign with the letters S-T-O-P on it. Particularly at the Southeast Avenue G and Southeast Third Street intersection.

Speeding east and west on the avenue, drivers continue to threaten anyone properly stopped on Third Street. Years ago, there used to be a blinking signal at the location, perhaps it should be re-placed, as a reminder.
Thank you."

Expensive lesson

"This is advice for anyone not feeling well. Go to the bathroom before going to the emergency room. A plastic bed pan will cost you \$11 and you don't get to take it home.

And you wonder why insurance and medical bills are so high?
Thank you."

Caller wants ditch filled in or cleaned up

"I'm calling about the ditch from the day care center to Duda Road along Gator Blvd. Some people who live along that ditch must think it's a garbage dump. Why can't the city either put in culverts or fill in the dump or find a way to make us who live by it clean it up?

The other day, one half block east of the day care center, a moccasin about three foot long was laying in wait for some child to come by.

Thank God a grown man walked by and noticed the danger. The snake got back in the ditch before he could find anything to kill it with. What if it were a 5 or 6 year old child that happened upon it?

Please, everyone, clean up along the ditch or write or call the city to fill it in, for your sake and mine. Too many of us people walk along there to take a chance of getting bitten by snakes.

Also, on some of the streets we walk on in this part of town have three or four old cars or trucks in their yard with grass growing all around them. They haven't run in Lord knows how long. They're just sitting there rusting. Is there not some city ordinance against this? If not, shouldn't we get one passed or shouldn't the city do something about it?
Thank you."

Editor's note: City Manager Lomax Hafrelle responds by saying:

"In reference to the **Speak Out** concerning the ditch along Avenue L/Gator Boulevard in Belle Glade, the ditch is owned and maintained by Palm Beach County. The city will notify county staff immediately concerning this problem.

In reference to the cars and trucks parked on private property, effective immediately the city's code enforcement staff will inspect all properties from Main Street to Duda Road. Any found not complying with the city's Code of Ordinance will be notified and given 30 days to correct the situation."

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

It has been a year since Demale Stanley was injured during spring football drills at Pittsburgh. He is now in The Shepherd Spinal Center in Atlanta, Georgia. I am asking that you have our community to continue to include this fine young man in their prayers.

If there are those who would like to send him messages of encouragement, his address is as follows:

Mr. Demale Stanley
The Shepherd Spinal Center
Building A, Apartment A-120
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

This courageous young man is determined to walk again and with his determination and our prayers of encouragement, we hope this will become a reality.

Thanks so very much,

Effie C. Grear, Principal
Glades Central High School

Dear Editor:

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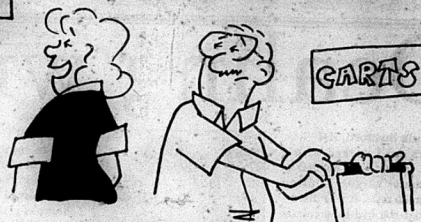
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How these kids viewed their fathers was determined in part by marital status. Sixty percent of those offenders who said their parents were married felt their father's influence on them was positive. If the parents were not married, that positive rating dipped to 32 percent.

There are no doubt several factors contributing to the juvenile crime problem. However, we need to be aware that the breakdown of the family and in particular father absence, plays a large role. Our survey results confirm what other states, such as California, Illinois and Pennsylvania have already found.

We can always decide to deal with juvenile crime by just building more prisons. But that costs a lot and destroys lives that could be saved. And while we need to deter crime

with the threat of punishment, it would also be wise to prevent crime by dealing with the underlying causes. If the survey results tell us anything, it is that responsible fatherhood is an important antidote to crime.

How can we begin to put a dent in this problem? There will be no easy answers. Yet we as a state can work together on all levels. Government can and should look at revising divorce laws so we can limit the number of young people who will grow up fatherless. Businesses can seek ways to adopt family-friendly policies that will allow fathers to be more involved in the lives of their children. And individuals can look for opportunities in their homes and neighborhoods to encourage responsible fatherhood. Crime prevention begins with fathers.

Mark W. Merrill is a member of the Commission on Responsible Fatherhood and president of Florida Family Council, a statewide, non-profit research and education organization dedicated to strengthening the family.

Black Gold Notes

By Sue Teets, Jubilee Chairman

Jubilee Food Court is going to be Um, Um, Good!

Do you crave cotton candy? Do you love kielbasa sausages with onions and green peppers? Or perhaps you're yearning to try some swamp cabbage? What about some "Big Easy" crawfish with boiled corn?

Festival goers will have a difficult time choosing which foods to try at Belle Glade's 19th annual Black Gold Jubilee. The Food Court will bring back Jubilee favorites such as old fashioned ice cream, but it also will offer some new and exciting treats to tempt your taste buds. All of the food booths will be located in the pavilion or near by, so be sure to look for your favorites!

Food booths reserved so far are Muck Sausage & Gator Taters sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce; Gourmet Hot dogs sponsored by Glades ARC; BBQ Ribs & Sandwiches sponsored by Cheryl Stein and Wanda Cheek; Shish-ka-Bob & Swamp Cabbage sponsored by Glades Airboat and Buggy Association; BBQ Chicken sponsored by Junior Gents; and Papa John's Pizza.

Also in the Food Court are Wilson Tyndal's Ribbon Fry Potatoes & Cotton Candy; Darryl Tripp's Louisiana Crawfish & Boiled Corn; Glades General Hospital's Fruit Juice Smoothies, Boiled Peanuts, Popcorn & Hamburgers; Ron and Cindy Weagraff's Old Fashioned Ice Cream; Glades Day School's Cuban Sandwiches & Baked Potato Bar; Donald and Beverly Garrett's Snosis; Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center's Cookies & Lemonade, and the First Baptist Spanish Church's Tacos & Elephant Ears.

Jubilee Children's Fishing Tournament is April 12

The Children's Fishing Tournament is just a few days away now, and everyone is getting ready for the big event. The tournament is open to youngsters in four age group categories: 0 to 5 years old; 6-8 years old; 9 to 12 years old; and

youth ages 13 to 15.

Sponsored by Belle Glade Fire Rescue, this ever-popular event is a perfect family activity. According to Chief Steve Rice, "We invite the whole family to come out and enjoy the fun. Bring your lawn chair and join us for the tournament." Rice says all bait will be provided for the youngsters.

The tournament has been made possible by the generous support of local sponsors such as Bank of Belle Glade, Knight Management, Inc., Dr. Howard Hill, and Burger King. Registration forms are available at Belle Glade City Hall and the Chamber of Commerce.

Kids Korner Offers Loads of Fun and Excitement

The Jubilee Kids Korner offers non-stop entertainment for kids of all ages from noon until 5:00 p.m. Children are required to purchase tickets to participate in most of the activities, and tickets are \$25 each.

Returning booths include the Glades Day School Junior Honor Society Hay Dig, the Europe '98 Class Cake Walk, Canal Point Elementary School Face Painting, Nu Kappa Sorority Pick-up-Ducks, Explorer Post 611 Dunking Booth, Canal Point United Methodist School Youth Bean Bag Toss, Gove Elementary School Cola Pitch, and the Cub Scouts Gold Fish Pond.

The Jubilee also will have the Dragon Bounce and a trackless train, and the Strawberry Patch.

New activities include a bungee run, the First Baptist Church Youth's Pie Throw and the Boys and Girls Club's Basketball Hoop Shoot.

For the first time, the Jubilee Kids Korner will have a 50-foot Super Slide. Children may ride the super slide all day at no charge, compliments of Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative and Flo-Sun, Inc.

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Speeding east and west on the avenue, drivers continue to threaten anyone properly stopped on Third Street. Years ago, there used to be a blinking signal at the location, perhaps it should be re-placed, as a reminder.

Thank you."

Expensive lesson

"This is advice for anyone not feeling well. Go to the bathroom before going to the emergency room. A plastic bed pan will cost you \$11 and you don't get to take it home.

And you wonder why insurance and medical bills are so high?"

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Caller wants ditch filled in or cleaned up

"I'm calling about the ditch from the day care center to Duda Road along Gator Blvd. Some people who live along that ditch must think it's a garbage dump. Why can't the city either put in culverts or fill in the dump or find a way to make us who live by it clean it up?"

The other day, one half block east of the day care center, a moccasin about three foot long was laying in wait for some child to come by.

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right hand. His date of birth is June 30, 1972. His Social Security number is 264-55-7879 and his last occupation is unknown. His warrant was active as of April 1, 1997. If you know the whereabouts of **Anthony Ricardo Williamson**, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.



Pahokee Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made 6 arrests the week of March 31-April 6. Those arrested included:

March 31 - Juvenile, 16, pick up order for a warrant; **Juvenile, 11,** retail theft.

April 1 - Juvenile, 17, pick up order for a warrant.

April 2 - Gregory Lee Darville, 41, contempt of

court warrant and order of commitment for a child support warrant.

April 3 - Adrian Knight, 23, warrant for failure to comply with a judge's order.

April 4 - Traffic arrests only.

April 5 - Traffic arrests only.

April 6 - Tory Boldin, 20, simple battery.

Juveniles

father's influence was negative, while 44 percent felt it was positive. For those arrested more than 15 times, however, only 32 percent felt their father was a positive influence, compared to 30 percent who felt his influence was "negative."

How these kids viewed their fathers was determined in part by marital status. Sixty percent of those offenders who said their parents were married felt their father's influence on them was positive. If the parents were not married, that positive rating dipped to 32 percent.

There are no doubt several factors contributing to the juvenile crime problem. However, we need to be aware that the breakdown of the family, and in particular father absence, plays a large role. Our survey results confirm what other states, such as California, Illinois and Pennsylvania have already found.

We can always decide to deal with juvenile crime by just building more prisons. But that costs a lot and destroys lives that could be saved. And while we need to deter crime

with the threat of punishment, it would also be wise to prevent crime by dealing with the underlying causes. If the survey results tell us anything, it is that responsible fatherhood is an important antidote to crime.

How can we begin to put a dent in this problem? There will be no easy answers. Yet we as a state can work together on all levels. Government can and should look at revising divorce laws so we can limit the number of young people who will grow up fatherless. Businesses can seek ways to adopt family-friendly policies that will allow fathers to be more involved in the lives of their children. And individuals can look for opportunities in their homes and neighborhoods to encourage responsible fatherhood. Crime prevention begins with fathers.

Mark W. Merrill is a member of the Commission on Responsible Fatherhood and president of Florida Family Council, a statewide, non-profit research and education organization dedicated to strengthening the family.

Black Gold Notes

By Sue Teets, Jubilee Chairman

Jubilee Food Court is going to be Um, Um, Good!

Do you crave cotton candy? Do you love kielbasa sausages with onions and green peppers? Or perhaps you're yearning to try some swamp cabbage? What about some "Big Easy" crawfish with boiled corn?

Festival goers will have a difficult time choosing which foods to try at Belle Glade's 19th annual Black Gold Jubilee. The Food Court will bring back Jubilee favorites such as old fashioned ice cream, but it also will offer some new and exciting treats to tempt your taste buds. All of the food booths will be located in the pavilion or near by, so be sure to look for your favorites!

Food booths reserved so far are Muck Sausage & Gator Taters sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce; Gourmet Hot dogs sponsored by Glades ARC; BBQ Ribs & Sandwiches sponsored by Cheryl Stein and Wanda Cheek; Shish-ka-Bob & Swamp Cabbage sponsored by Glades Airboat and Buggy Association; BBQ Chicken sponsored by Junior Gents; and Papa John's Pizza.

Also in the Food Court are Wilson Tyndal's Ribbon Fry Potatoes & Cotton Candy; Darryl Tripp's Louisiana Crawfish & Boiled Corn; Glades General Hospital's Fruit Juice Smoothies; Boiled Peanuts, Popcorn & Hamburgers; Ron and Cindy Weagraff's Old Fashioned Ice Cream; Glades Day School's Cuban Sandwiches & Baked Potato Bar; Donald and Beverly Garrett's Snoasis; Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center's Cookies & Lemonade; and the First Baptist Spanish Church's Tacos & Elephant Ears.

Jubilee Children's Fishing Tournament is April 12

The Children's Fishing Tournament is just a few days away now, and everyone is getting ready for the big event. The tournament is open to youngsters in four age group categories: 0 to 5 years old; 6-8 years old; 9 to 12 years old; and

youth ages 13 to 15.

Sponsored by Belle Glade Fire Rescue, this ever-popular event is a perfect family activity. According to Chief Steve Rice, "We invite the whole family to come out and enjoy the fun. Bring your lawn chair and join us for the tournament." Rice says all bait will be provided for the youngsters.

The tournament has been made possible by the generous support of local sponsors such as Bank of Belle Glade, Knight Management, Inc., Dr. Howard Hill, and Burger King. Registration forms are available at Belle Glade City Hall and the Chamber of Commerce.

Kids Korner Offers Loads of Fun and Excitement

The Jubilee Kids Korner offers non-stop entertainment for kids of all ages from noon until 5:00 p.m. Children are required to purchase tickets to participate in most of the activities, and tickets are \$25 each.

Returning booths include the Glades Day School Junior Honor Society Hay Dig, the Europe '98 Class Cake Walk, Canal Point Elementary School Face Painting, Nu Kappa Sorority Pick-up-Ducks, Explorer Post #11 Dunking Booth, Canal Point United Methodist Church Youth Bean Bag Toss, Gove Elementary School Cold Pitch, and the Cub-Squid's Gold Fish Pond.

The Jubilee also will have the Dragon Bounce and a trackless train, and the Strawberry Patch.

New activities include a bungee run, the First Baptist Church Youth's Pie Throw and the Boys and Girls Club's Basketball Hoop Shoot.

For the first time, the Jubilee Kids Korner will have a 50-foot Super Slide. Children may ride the super slide all day at no charge, compliments of Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative and Flo-Sun, Inc.

Other Kids Korner sponsors are Smith Barney, Great Lakes Chemical, Orsengio, Inc., Hi-Te and Badcock Furniture.

Patrick McMahon named "Teacher of Excellence"

Palm Beach Community College has recognized six instructors as 1997 Teachers of Excellence. Representing PBCC's Central Campus are Senior Instructor David Duncan, Assistant Professor Mary L. Kelly and Senior Instructor Shari Lyes.

Also being honored are Senior Instructor James Grazioplene, South Campus; Senior Instructor Patrick McMahon, Glades Campus; and Associate Professor Barbara Scheffer, Eissey Campus.

This is the second time that



PBCC's 1997 Teachers of Excellence: Top, L-R: Patrick McMahon, David Duncan, James Grazioplene. Front row: Mary Kelly, Shari Lyes and Barbara Scheffer.

Patrick McMahon has received Teacher of Excellence honors. McMahon, a member of the Glades Campus business faculty, was a recipient of the award in 1995. He has been teaching full time at PBCC since 1989.

All six award recipients were chosen by their peers for exceptional professionalism, and will be recognized at the 19th Annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence set for May 25-28 in Austin, Texas.

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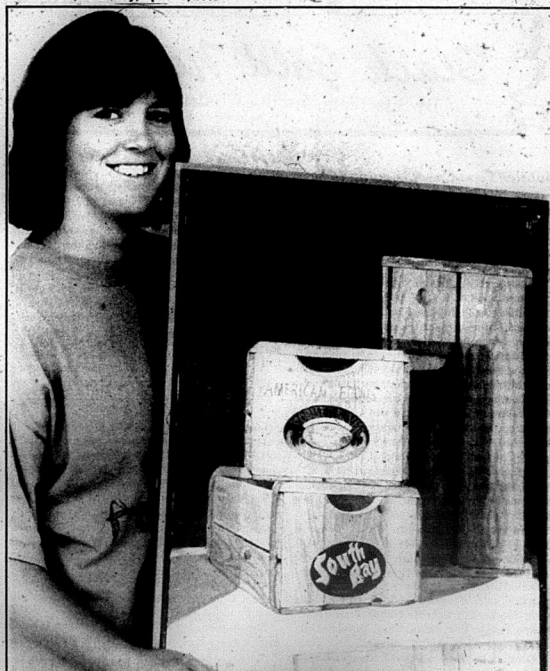
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GLADES ART GROUP FEATURED ARTIST OF THE MONTH...Amanda Reynolds, a senior at Florida Atlantic University, holds her prize-winning oil painting of packing crates and shipping labels from earlier farming days in the Glades. The two labels were used by South Bay Growers and her grandfather, C.A. "Mutt" Thomas.

From forecast to nowcast

By Mike Lyons

It has become one of life's necessities. An object so important, so vital to our welfare, that most of us would be lost without it. I'm speaking, of course, of the television remote control - quite possibly one of the most important inventions of the twentieth century. Where would we be without it?

Some of you may remember a time when one had to actually get off the couch and turn the dial to change the channel. Now, the only way to watch television is with a remote control in one hand and your favorite beverage in the other. Assuming, of course, that you can find the remote control.

This "I want it now" mentality has even swept into the world of meteorology. The National Weather Service is now issuing something called a "nowcast."

A "nowcast," as the name implies, tells you what the weather is like right now and what it's likely to be for the next few hours. This differs from the traditional forecast that predicts the weather for the next several days.

The National Weather Service says the nowcast is especially important in Florida where the weather can change rapidly. (Of course, one could just look out the window.)

The folks at the National Weather Service might be surprised to learn, however, that



Mike Lyons

their nowcast is not a new idea. Raymond Sager created the first nowcast over 50 years ago.

Sager, who passed away in 1981, was a meteorologist for the New York Daily News. "He loved a good storm," said Elinor Sager, his widow, who now lives in Fort Pierce. "He would get so excited when there was a big thunderstorm or hurricane."

Elinor says her husband, who ate, drank and slept meteorology, wanted to share his love of weather with everyone else. In 1938, he began work on a device that would allow anyone to instantly predict the weather.

"He spent hours and hours working on this project," said Mrs. Sager. "He'd be up until two or three in the morning every night."

In 1942, Sager unveiled his gadget. He called it the Sager

Weathercaster, a device that he claimed "would allow anyone to make forecasts of weather, temperature and winds instantly for a radius of about 30 miles."

The Weathercaster was a set of four circular dials that used wind direction, barometric pressure readings and sky conditions to predict the weather. It was made of plastic, could fit in one hand and came with a book on meteorology. Did it work? "It was very accurate," said Mrs. Sager. "And very popular, too."

New York high school teachers used The Sager Weathercaster as part of their meteorology course. It was standard equipment for sailors, farmers and fishermen. And, for years, it was one of the top sellers of the L.L. Bean catalogue.

They stopped making the Weathercaster after Sager died in 1981, but there may still be a market for the gadget. "A lady called me last week from Illinois," said Mrs. Sager. "She said that she would pay anything for two of them." Mrs. Sager is hoping a new publisher will want to re-issue the Sager Weathercaster.

If they do, the Sager Weathercaster may become one of life's necessities. Just like the television remote control.

The right way if we have something to say is to say it plainly—not for conversion, but for such as may be waiting for our voice.

—Freya Stark

Beware of letter scam

The Better Business Bureau would like to warn area businesses to be on the lookout for fraudulent letters from Nigeria seeking unsuspecting victims

to buy into their get rich quick schemes as the letters have resurfaced in Palm Beach County.

The letters first surfaced sev-

eral years ago here and nationwide, even Better Business Bureaus received letters offering quick profits, sometimes in the millions.

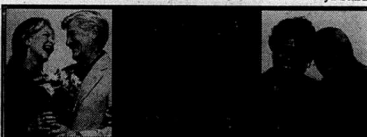
Although each letter may contain a slightly different appeal, the "official" writing the letter asks for assistance in transferring millions of dollars of excess money out of Nigeria. The person proposes depositing the money in a trustworthy United States bank account, in exchange for which the account holder will receive 30 percent or more of the transferred funds. To participate in the deal, the business or organization must provide its bank account number and the name, address, phone and fax numbers of the bank. Sometimes, the person requests copies of signed but otherwise blank company letterhead. Of course, no one has ever received the funds as promised, and many

have lost thousands of dollars.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) of Palm Beach County was re-alerted to the scam recently when a member received such a letter and immediately forwarded it to BBB president, Reb Stephens.

"In July, over 40 letters were made by the United States Secret Service in Nigeria, but apparently the problem has still not been solved. Unfortunately, they prey on those individuals who think they can get something for nothing," said Stephens.

The United States Secret Service reports they are still actively investigating the Nigerian scam and hope to make further arrests in the near future. They ask all letters be forwarded to the Better Business Bureau or the Secret Service for further investigation.



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Citizens News:

A Senior Citizen's Lament

Thought I'd let my doctor check me, 'Cause I didn't feel quite right. All those aches and pains annoyed me, And I couldn't sleep at night.

He could find no real disorder, But he wouldn't let it rest. What with Medicare and Blue Cross, It wouldn't hurt to do some tests.

To the hospital he sent me, Though I didn't feel too bad. He arranged for them to give me, Every test that could be had.

I was fluorescoped and cystas copied, My aging frame displayed. Stripped upon an ice cold table, While my gizards were x-rayed.

I was checked for worms and parasites, For fungus and the crud... While they pierced me with long needles, Taking samples of my blood.

Doctors came to check me over, Probed and pushed and poked around, And to make sure I was still living, They even wired me for sound.

They have finally concluded, The results have filled a page. What I have will someday kill me, My affliction is old age.

The Palm Beach County Division of Senior Services has opened up an Elder Helpline. If you are over 60 and need a new route, the number is 930-5040.

If you would like to visit the West County Senior Citizens Center, but need help with transportation, call 998-4818, and transportation can be arranged.

Having children is like having a bowling alley installed in your brain.

—Martin Mull

Sugar Festival

Join Clewiston, "America's Sweetest Town" to celebrate the 11th Annual Sugar Festival Saturday, April 12 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Clewiston's City Park

Come celebrate the end of harvest with live entertainment; food and fun for all ages! Live music with performances by country music's Bobby Bare.

- Old Fashioned cane Grinding
- Food Booths
- BPW Arts and Crafts Show
- Ranch Rodeo
- Antique Car Show
- Farming Equipment Exhibit
- Bingo

Festival admission is free. City Park is located in the heart of Clewiston, Florida, on U.S. 27 on the shores of Lake Okechobee. For more information call the Sugar Festival Committee at 941-983-7979.



CHOCOLATES AND FLOWERS for that special person in your life are available at Sweet Blossoms in the Dino's Plaza, Belle Glade. Owners Beverly Davis, (right) and Tita Gonzalez are partners in the new business.

Sweet Blossoms opens in Dino's Plaza

Two friends with different talents have gone into business together. The duo offer their unique talents in a new business called "Sweet Blossoms."

Owners Beverly Davis and Tita Gonzalez opened Sweet Blossoms March 11 in the Dino's Shopping Plaza at 1100 North Main Street, Belle Glade.

They are already doing a brisk business selling handmade chocolates and fresh flower arrangements.

The two women became friends while working at the Family Care Center in Belle Glade. They decided recently to combine their talents to go into business together.

"I was already selling my chocolate creations and doing pretty well," says Davis. In addition to special orders, the two women were selling chocolates and flower arrangements

in their spare time.

"We made enough money over Valentines Day to open the shop," said Davis.

Once a customer tries the quality chocolate used at Sweet Blossoms, they are hooked, says Davis.

"The chocolate is very good and we use quality ingredients," she says.

Davis has special designs for teachers, new babies, Mother's Day and birthdays, to name a few. The store also sells gift items, crafts, perfumes, novelty items, balloons and stuffed balloons.

Tita Gonzalez handles the flower arrangement portion of the business.

"Our flower arrangements are very reasonably priced," she notes. "We're trying to make flowers affordable. Flowers make everyone happy and we want people to enjoy them as often as possible."

The flowers are fresh cut within 24 hours and delivery is available in Belle Glade, South Bay, Pahokee and Clewiston.

Davis has lived in Belle Glade for three years. She is married to Belle Glade native Tim Davis and they have three children, Tim, Jr., 2, Desarae, 8 and Leland, 14.

Gonzalez is from Miami and has lived in the Glades about two years. Her husband, Joe, helps with the purchase of flower arrangements and delivery. They have three children, Jamie, 6, Joey, 3 and Jani, 1.

Sweet Blossoms is in Suite 105 in the plaza. The florist and chocolate store is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The store opens at 10 a.m. on Saturday and closes at 3 p.m. The telephone number is 992-4476.



Gove School to present Magnet and School Improvement Plan

Gove Elementary School's Advisory Council will present their Fiscal year '98 School Improvement Plan, April 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting is to gather input and feedback from the school community before the final plan is submitted to the district office.

Parents and members of the community are urged to attend the meeting. Anyone needing additional information should call 993-4042.

GDS to present "Hollywood Hotel"

Glades Day School's Class of 1997 will present "Hollywood Hotel" on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. There will be refreshments served following each performance.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from cast members or by calling Janis Meeks at Glades Day School, 996-4140.

Chamber has applications for Black Gold events

Applications are available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce for the many events associated with the Black Gold Jubilee. The annual Jubilee is April 19, with some events the week leading up to the all-day activities.

The Children's Fishing Contest is April 12 and parents must register their children and sign a release before their child can participate. The event starts Saturday at 9 a.m. and if you have not regis-

tered your children, you may do so before the contest.

The Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold contest is that evening, April 12 at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge and the contest is now closed to new applicants.

The Belle Glade Lions Club is again sponsoring the Harvest Queen Pageant on April 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 per person. For additional information, call Becky White at 996-5800.

Arts and Craft and booth applications are also available at the Chamber as well as entry forms for the Photography Contest and the WIFE Cookie Contest.

For more information on any or all of the Jubilee activities, call the Chamber at 996-2745.

Children welcome

Lutheran Ministries of Florida, PEPP Head Start, is recruiting and accepting applications for three and four year old children.

All are welcome, including children with disabilities and there are no fees. The center is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade. For more information, call 996-1718. Contact persons are Barbara Green or Tammy Kyles.

Recovery Group meets at Good Shepherd

A Christ-centered recovery group meets every Monday evening at the Good Shepherd Church of God in Pahokee. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. and the public is welcome. The church is located at 1800 Bacon Point Road, Pahokee.

Winter Fun

The Belle Glade Recreation Department is offering outdoor recreational activities that include basketball, full court or three on three challenge games. They are also offering tennis lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays and flag foot-

ball. Hours are from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information contact the Recreation Department at 996-0100, extension 622.

Recreation Department offering fitness classes. The City of Belle Glade Parks and Recreation Department is offering fitness classes to the public.

"Fitness by Michele" will be offered at the Belle Glade Municipal Civic Center on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The first class on Monday night, titled "Basic Fitness" runs from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. and the second class, "Stompin' Step" is from 6:15 to 7 p.m. Wednesday's classes run the same time with the first class stressing non-aerobic strength and toning for all fitness levels and the second class offering interval aerobics. Instructor is Michele Young, RN. There is a \$2 fee per night. Steps and weights are provided.

Godparents are special

A new Godparent Program is starting up in the Glades and you are needed! Three Head Start Centers in the Glades need adults to help by donating a little time, love, and the gift of joy for young children.

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Western Palm Beach County Mental Health Clinic announces appointment of 4 new members

Esther Berry of South Bay, Edna Garcia, M.D., of Pahokee, Tommie Gilbert of Belle Glade, and James Houston of Belle Glade are the four newest members elected to the Western Palm Beach County

Mental Health board of directors. "These individuals make a great addition to our board and increase its involvement in the agencies growth and development," said Joseph Amato, executive director of the clinic.

The officers and other board members include: President Ken Schenck; Vice President Mayra Zeno, M.D.; Treasurer Dorothy Wilford; Secretary Donia Roberts; and Elizabeth Johnson.

Meeting on housing in the City of Belle Glade set for next Thursday

Belle Glade Housing Meeting: Up to date information will be provided about Housing in the City of Belle Glade at a meeting on Thursday, April 17. This meeting will be held at the Mount Zion AME Church, 249 SW 10th Street, Belle

Glade, at 7 p.m. Programs that work with low-income families who wish to buy a home will provide information. State and City code enforcement personnel will present updates on their activities and future plans.

The group attending will work on developing plans of action that will improve housing conditions in Belle Glade, and will increase the amount of decent and affordable housing. Everyone's input is highly valued.

Housing problems addressed... Continued from Page 1

and constructive dialogue in order to develop strategies that will lead to safe, decent and affordable housing in the City of Belle Glade.

Frank Garguilo, District Director of the Department of Public Health, and Cheryl Biesky, District Director of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation attended, as well as the Senior inspectors of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Paul Landman and Cindy Plerie. Several landlords attended the meetings, as well as tenants, farmworker advocates and concerned residents of Belle Glade.

At the meetings in the Mount Zion AME Church, the group developed lists of the positive aspects of the housing they see in Belle Glade, and some of the aspects of housing that they feel need change.

Among the positive aspects the group listed were things like: Our neighbors are friendly people who respect and look out for each other in times of need. In most of our neighborhoods the people who live in single family homes keep their

places in good condition. In those neighborhoods, life is quiet and safe from disturbances and crime.

Among some aspects that the group felt needed change were the following: Some neighborhoods have a high concentration of people. (The downtown area has over 8,000 people per square mile.) Some areas have a high number of dumpsters that detract visually from the appearance of the city, especially since the dumpsters are placed in the street. Abandoned cars are an eyesore and danger to safety. Many cars are stickered repeatedly but never removed. Garbage is prevalent in some areas. The open pits on the curbside accumulate large piles of garbage; these are dangerous for children living in the area and they attract mice, rats and disease-spreading insects. The group also stated that they need to learn more about the City and Fire code inspection process. Some expressed that these departments are not as visible or as effective as they need to be, to deal with the job at hand.

After reviewing both the

aspects of housing in the City of Belle Glade that are working well and those that are not working well, the group began to develop strategies. The purpose of these strategies would be to enhance those aspects that work well and to improve on those that do not work well. Some of the strategies developed were: Encourage and motivate each other as neighbors to be responsible for the beautification, cleanup, and general enhancement of their neighborhood. Inform members of the group about the policies and practices of the City Code Enforcement Department, Department of Sanitation, as well as the Department of Community Development with regard to housing conditions in the City.

In past meetings, the group has written letters of concern to Secretary James Howell of the Department of Public Health and to Secretary Jim Murley of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

A response from Secretary Howell will be presented at the next meeting, to be held Thursday, April 17.

Tire Amnesty Days

Saturday, April 12, 1997
Sunday, April 13, 1997
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Everglades Regional Medical Center Birth Announcements

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3-1 Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Vences (Orlando Lopez), Belle Glade, daughter, Crystal, 7 lb. 10 oz.
 3-2 Ms. Shameka L. Henderson, Belle Glade, daughter, Shytiece Arie'l, 5 lb. 13 1/4 oz.
 3-3 Ms. Antoinette Shorter, Orlando, son, Frankie Little, 7 lb. 3 oz.
 3-4 Mr. Rex D. Eaton & Ms. Jennifer M. Whitehouse, Clewiston, son, Austin Michael, 8 lb. 13 oz.
 3-5 Mr. Demetrius R. Newkirk & Ms. Angela Carleen Saulberry, Pahokee, daughter, De'Angela La'Shayla, 7 lb. 5 oz.
 3-6 Ms. Shalonda Marchell Council, Pahokee, son, Nathaniel Shineak, 4 lb. 7 1/2 oz.
 3-7 Mr. & Mrs. Allen J. Mawhinny (Suzanne M. Buckner), Hobe Sound, Dylan Allen, 9 lb. 7 1/4 oz.
 3-11 Mrs. Gina F. Rodriguez, Clewiston, son, Celestino Felix, 7 lb. 6 oz.
 3-11 Mr. Nora J. Steele & Ms. Janice D. Sey, Pahokee, daughter, Norriell Nikita, 5 lb. 2 1/2 oz.
 3-11 Mr. Dermaine A. Odums & Ms. Tawanda L. Flowers, Belle Glade, son, Jatavious De'Andre, 7 lb. 1 oz.

3-12 Mr. & Mrs. Jason L. Lott (Lucinda Adams), Clewiston, daughter, Bailey Renee, 8 lb. 3/4 oz.
 3-12 Mr. Reynaldo Alanis & Ms. Jessica A. Grimes, Belle Glade, daughter, Kristi Ann, 8 lb. 11 1/2 oz.
 3-14 Ms. Nartosa Wynette Miller, Pahokee, daughter, Audrianna Katrina Taishay, 7 lb. 11 1/2 oz.
 3-15 Mr. Aaron O. Rodriguez, Jr. & Ms. Veronica J. Martinez, Okeechobee, son, Aaron Orlando III, 7 lb. 12 oz.
 3-15 Ms. Crystal Foulke, Okeechobee, son, Gage Andrew, 8 lb. 11 3/4 oz.
 3-16 Mr. & Mrs. Israel Jimenez (Alma A. Bueno), Belle Glade, son, Israel Jimenez III, 7 lb. 15 1/2 oz.
 3-16 Mr. Luc Louis, Sr. & Ms. Christine Cadet, Belle Glade, son, Luc Louis, Jr., 8 lb. 5 oz.
 3-17 Mr. & Mrs. Zenaydo Vital (Onesima Barrera-Mena), Belle Glade, daughter, Laura, 7 lb. 2 oz.
 3-18 Ms. Maria Calvillo, Pahokee, son, Alfredo, 6 lb. 9 1/4 oz.
 3-18 Mr. Tarerance L. Oliver, Sr. & Ms. Dainia T. Ashley, Belle Glade, son, Tarerance Lee Jr., 6 lb. 3 3/4 oz.
 3-18 Mr. Antoine T. Simpson & Ms. Tekesha T. Lott, South Bay, daughter, Te-Sharra Terrell, 5 lb. 15 oz.

3-18 Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand Thelamaque (Sainfleuxine Zine), daughter, Fernande, 7 lb. 8 1/4 oz.
 3-20 Mr. & Mrs. Carlos I. Flores (Reyna Ballesteros), Clewiston, son, Wilmer Isual, 7 lb. 12 1/4 oz.
 3-20 Mr. Kevin D. Walker & Ms. Tequesta S. Burris, Pahokee, son, Kevinus Demetrius, 8 lb. 11 oz.
 3-20 Ms. Theresa E. McFarland, Belle Glade, son, De'Eric Emmitt Lamar, 8 lb. 3 3/4 oz.
 3-23 Mr. Vincente DeLeon & Ms. Yesenia M. Rojas, Clewiston, daughter, Janessa Yanira, 8 lb. 12 3/4 oz.
 3-23 Mr. Hans E. Kurtz & Ms. Melanie E. Whitlock, Clewiston, son, Dylan Alex, 5 lb. 15 oz.
 3-24 Mr. Anthony Eaddy, Jr. & Ms. Tamara V. Patterson, Pahokee, son, Anthony Eaddy III, 9 lb. 3/4 oz.
 3-24 Mr. Kelvin B. Jones & Ms. Aretha D. Scaife, Pahokee, daughter, Alliyah Qua'Sharanda, 6 lb. 15 oz.
 3-24 Mr. & Mrs. Gilberto Argules (Roselinda Lopez), Clewiston, daughter, Meghan Renae, 8 lb. 6 oz.
 3-24 Mr. & Mrs. Donnie M. Flowers, Sr. (Camille Franklin), Belle Glade, son, Donnie Manard, Jr., 8 lbs.

3-27 Mr. & Mrs. Bobby M. Wynn, Sr. (Kay Ellen Douglas), Okeechobee, son, Bobby Mitchell II, 9 lb. 10 oz.
 3-27 Ms. Yvonne Lynn Copen, Pahokee, daughter, Melanie Lynn, 7 lb. 3 3/4 oz.
 3-27 Mr. Mark S. Garrick & Ms. Cassandra L. Thomas, West Palm Beach, daughter, Markia Shalissa, 9 lb. 3 oz.
 3-30 Mr. & Mrs. Martin Carillo (Maria DeJesus Tirado), South Bay, son, Jose Manuel, 7 lb. 12 oz.
 3-31 Mr. Robert A. Hutchinson, Sr. & Ms. Patricia Y. Kearse, Belle Glade, son, Robert Audley, Jr., 6 lb. 15 1/4 oz.



Sonshine & Friends to entertain at The Prince Theatre in Pahokee.

The Prince, The Pahokee Main Street Theatre, is planning a Gospel Concert featuring "Sonshine & Friends" on Saturday, April 12, 1997 at 7 p.m.

The well-known Sonshine is a local trio consisting of Sandra Jarriel, Alice Thompson, and Shirley Wagon. They have been singing together for many years, performing in venues throughout the South.

The trip has recorded two albums that will be available for purchase the night of the concert. Joining Sonshine are Zarak Lawson & More Than Jazz and soloist Shirley Jarriel.

There is no admittance fee, however, donations will

be received for the redecoration of The Prince Theatre.

"We are thrilled to be able to present such a special concert to the community! Let's show our gratitude to Sonshine and Zarak Lawson for agreeing to appear for the benefit of the theatre by our presence at this event. Please join us as we bring to downtown the entertainment you've requested," said Shirley Jarriel, Pahokee Main Street director.

Monthly entertainment is planned at the theatre by the concert. If you would like to get involved in the revitalization of our community, call us at 924-6332. Volunteers are always needed.

Obituaries

Gertrude M. Van Horn, 90, of Belle Glade died Sunday, March 30, 1997 in Pahokee.

Mrs. Van Horn was born in LaBelle, Florida and had been a long time resident of the Glades area.

Mrs. Van Horn was a member of the Belle Glade Garden Club, The Historical Society, and the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. She and her family were well known pioneers of Belle Glade.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan Van Horn, in 1984.

Survivors include her brother, Sidney McGehee of Glades, Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, April 2, 1997 at Hillcrest Memorial Park in West Palm Beach with Reverend Ronald Jones officiating.

Ernie J. Kornya Sr., 76, of Belle Glade died Monday, April 7, 1997 at Glades General Hospital. Mr. Kornya was born in Christopher, Illinois and had been a long time resident of Belle Glade. He was a member of the Elks Club and the American Legion and also served with the U.S. Army in World War II.

Survivors include sons, Theodore E. Kornya of Charleston, S.C., Michael J. Kornya of Honolulu, Hawaii, John F. Kornya of Wellington, and Paul L. Kornya of Ft. Myers; daughters, Janet Sisson of Sisson, W.V., Margaret E. Kelehan of Canaan, C.T., Mary K. Kornya of Belle Glade, Julia A. Kornya of Belle Glade, 18 children and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 10, 1997 at Mixson Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Mixson Funeral Home.

Sharon Elaine Mobley, 35, of Belle Glade died Tuesday, April 1, 1997 at Glades General Hospital. She had been a student at West Tech Vocational School in Belle Glade.

Survivors include her loving family: Parents, Eugene & Norita Mobley of Belle Glade; brother, Michael Mobley of Belle Glade; niece & nephew,

The Sun is still looking for Glades area pioneers. All nominations are welcome. Contact The Sun to the attention of Stephanie.

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SCHOOL NEWS & CHILDREN INTERESTS

Glade View students take Everglades trip

Hard working students from Glade View Elementary spent their first day of spring vacation experiencing Everglades National Park. Twenty-nine students from Mrs. Nowak's and Mrs. Stigall's fourth grade classes earned the hands-on learning experience through their dedication to learning and excellent behavior.

To prepare for the trip, the students conducted classroom experiments about the Everglades' habitats, plant and animal life, and the importance of maintaining one of our state's most valuable resources. Students discovered the impact they had on the Everglades and how to preserve it for our future.

Upon arriving at the park, the students equipped with science journals, sharpened

pencils, cameras, and plenty of insect repellent, explored the Park's Royal Palm area coming face to face with alligators, wading birds, and plenty of those pesky mosquitoes.

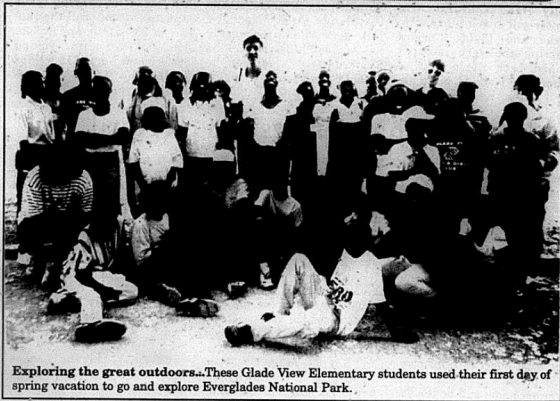
Stopping for lunch, the students cooked hot dogs using solar ovens made out of cardboard boxes. After a restful and filling lunch, the group continued recording observations and drawing diagrams of the plant and animal life through the park's many habitats all the way to Florida Bay.

To celebrate the fun and educational day, the students enjoyed a well deserved dinner at Denali's Restaurant in Florida City before returning home to Belle Glade.

The chaperones who accompanied the young scientists were teachers Nancy

Nowak, Kathleen Hutchinson, Mark Dunaway, Cynthia Stigall, Mr. T. Williams, and Ms. M. McRae.

The following students are now Glade View's Everglades experts: Troy Stewart, Ontario Blackmon, Latia Walker, Geneke Morris, Jesus Monjarez, Veronica Miles, Shalanda O'neal, Victoria Mata, Gregory Stewart, Meltavis Porter, Shantoria Salter, Shakeria Hamilton, Yarhonda Highsmith, Willie Lawrence, Wilfred Augustin, Barnard Faust, Rickia Mann, Crystal Whitaker, Fredika Garrett, Charkis Gibson, Kent Henderson, Wilmat Balfour, Kevin Brown, Samantha Cannady, Felicia Turner, Gregory King, Chasity Wiggins, Janae Ivery, and Alton Johnson.



Exploring the great outdoors...These Glade View Elementary students used their first day of spring vacation to go and explore Everglades National Park.

Lights...Camera...Action! Glades area children star on television

By Stephanie Schneider
Sun Reporter

Almost every child in the world wants to be a T.V. star. Glades area children got the chance on April 2 at Pioneer Park in Belle Glade.

A television crew from WPBT2 came to Belle Glade to tape area children introducing shows and making comments on the programs. They also were able to offer KidTIPS on safety, history, reading and science.

WPBT2 is South Florida's public television station and KidVision is a special pro-

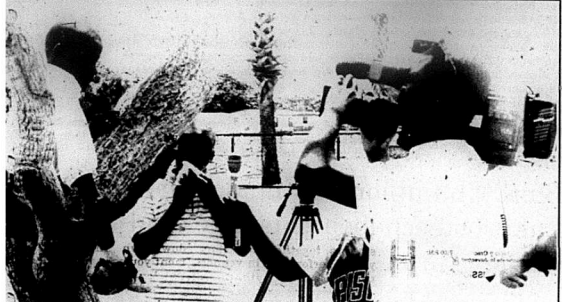
gramming, platform just for kids on Channel 2. WPBT2 features approximately 40 hours of educational and entertaining shows appropriate for children in the age group of 1-10.

What makes KidVision so unique is that the anchors and commentary is done by children from South Florida. That way, the viewers get to be the stars of the show.

The talent for the anchors and commentary positions were provided by and arranged through WAYDA, INC., a nonprofit organization dedicated

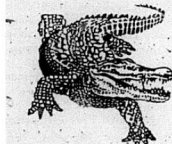
to the training and arrangement of human resources to aid individuals, youth, families and community-based organizations. WAYDA provided children for the television shoot through their Youth Empowerment Program (YEP). YEP provides after school activities for "at risk" children in Glades communities.

The KidVision T.V. shoot provided for Glades children to participate in a worthwhile, educational and entertaining experience that keeps them out of trouble and having quality fun.



The future of television...This Belle Glade boy has a bright future in the television industry if he keeps up at the rate he's going. Photo by Stephanie Schneider

Glades Day School Gator Tales



This week marks the end of the fifth grading period and students are busy training for their final exams of the six weeks. Just think, GDS only six more weeks!

GDS would like to thank all those in the community who helped make this year's Spring Fling a success. Congratulations are in order or elementary student, Bo Schlechter, who was the big winner of the two-passenger teardrop drawing. Bo is the grandson of Johnny & Eleanor Schlechter. Mrs. Lara Rives won the quilt, donated by Lor Cohen Quilt and Don Anderson was the winner of the shotgun. The drawings were held during the Western dance held last Saturday evening in Tripp

Hall.

The alumni of the odd graduating years made it two wins in a row when they defeated the even years in a fun-filled alumni baseball game. Sunday afternoon, April 6, they broke a 9-9 tie in the bottom of the ninth inning when Steve Richey (Class of '79) knocked in Paul Prescott ('89) to win the game. Brian Lohmann ('84) helped the even years' cause, going 4-5 including a home run in his first at-bat.

The seniors are chomping at the bit for the school year to end but first they have several activities on hand, beginning with the Senior Class Play that will be presented this Friday and Saturday evening, April 11-12, in the school's gymnasium. The play is a two-act comedy, titled "Hollywood Hotel" and is sure to guarantee some laughs for those who come. It's about three girls from Missouri who hit Hollywood, each hoping to make a success in her career - an actress, a producer and a writer. They hook up with some other offbeat Hollywood hopefuls in a

rundown hotel run by a shady landlady, who wants to kick the girls out but keep their security deposit. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. each evening. Tickets, which will include hor d'oeuvres to be served after the performance, are \$8 per person. Contact the high school office (996-6769) or Beck White (996-5800).

The Class of '97 will also get to use that special privilege when they are allowed to take Monday, April 21, as a free skip day. This is a tradition usually extended to graduating seniors by GDS and they take full advantage of it, usually by going for some sun 'n' fun at the beach and maybe catching a movie (or two). Enjoy it, seniors!

Another event this week-end is the varsity softball team's Pancake Breakfast that will be held from 7-11 a.m. this Saturday, April 12, in Tripp Hall. The breakfast will include pancakes with all the trimmings. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children (ages 6 and under). Those interested may contact Karen Hansford at the high school office.

Belle Glade poets could win up to \$1,000

A \$1,000 prize is being offered in a free poetry contest sponsored by the International Library of Famous Poets. There is no entry fee and everyone is free to enter.

"This is our favorite contest of the year," says Poetry

Editor Dr. G. Charles Nash, "because it encourages beginners. We want to find the best grassroots poets among those writing in Florida, and in the Belle Glade area in particular."

The deadline for entering is April 30. Poems may be writ-

ten on any subject, using any style, but please keep copies as none can be returned. Winners will be notified by the end of June.

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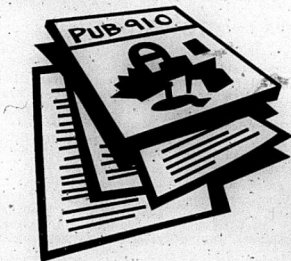
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Braille and Large Print Materials
Federal tax materials in Braille are available at Regional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in conjunction with the Library of Congress. These materials include Publication 17, *Your Federal Income Tax*; Publication 334, *Tax Guide For Small Business (for Individuals Who Use Schedule C or E)*; and Forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ, and Schedules A and B, with instructions. Large-print copies of Form 1040, its schedules, and instructions are in Publication 1614. Large-print copies of Form 1040A, Schedules 1, 3 and EIC,

and their instructions are in Publication 1615. The copies can be used as worksheets to figure your tax.

Volunteer Tax Help

Do you or someone you know need help with your basic tax returns? If so, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) may be of service to you. Both provide specially-trained volunteers to prepare basic tax returns. VITA and TCE volunteers help older individuals, those with disabilities, and non-English speaking taxpayers with their taxes in locations convenient to their customers. Call the IRS office for the nearest location.

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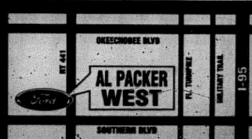
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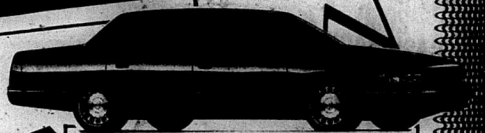
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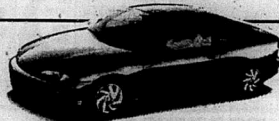
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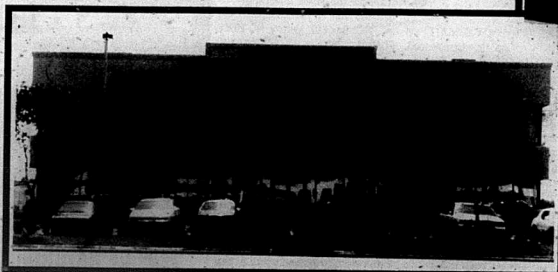
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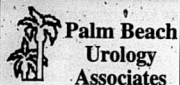
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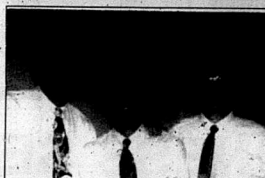
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Formed in 1951, the Joint Commission is dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. The on-site survey of Columbia Palms West Hospital occurred in September.

"Receiving Accreditation with Commendation is a significant achievement, one that recognizes exemplary performance by Columbia Palms West Hospital," says Dennis S. O'Leary, M.D., President, Joint Commission. "This organization should be commended for its commitment to providing quality care to the people in the community."

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